

**Town Manager's Office
Town of Mansfield**

Memo

To: Town Council
From: Matt Hart, Town Manager
CC: Town Employees
Date: October 22, 2012
Re: Town Manager's Report

Below please find a report regarding various items of interest to the Town Council, staff and the community:

Council Requests for Information/Council Business

- *Tour of Storrs Center with Congressman Courtney* – This afternoon Mayor Paterson and I toured Storrs Center with Congressman Courtney, State Senator Don Williams, State Representative Gregg Haddad and other officials. We were able to view most of the open businesses as well as the parking garage. Congressman Courtney and his state colleagues were impressed and pleased with our progress, and we appreciate their continued support.
- *Ad hoc Committee for Responsible Contracting* – The council committee comprised of Mayor Paterson, Deputy Mayor Moran and Councilor Chris Paulhus met on October 19, 2012. The first meeting was organizational in nature and the committee discussed how it planned to approach its work. Councilor Freudmann also attended and participated in the committee's discussion. The committee plans to hold its next meeting at 9:00 AM on November 5, 2012, to review and identify some of the key issue areas that fall under the larger subject of responsible contracting. Moving forward, the committee plans to invite various experts and other interested parties to speak about responsible contracting and to share their perspectives on the subject.
- *Mansfield Hollow Hydro Project* – On November 1st I will be meeting with the principals involved in this project and will plan to present the Town Council with an update at its November 13, 2012 meeting.
- *Ordinance Review and Development Subcommittee* – At my request, the subcommittee met last week to review the proposed amendments to the building construction and fees for fire prevention services ordinances. The subcommittee is now ready to recommend that the Town Council send the proposed amendments to public hearing and we will place this item on the Council's November 13, 2012 agenda.

Major Projects and Initiatives

- *Storrs Center Construction Update* – Two new businesses have opened in the last two weeks - Husky Pizza opened on October 11 at 9 Dog Lane and Insomnia Cookies opened October 16 at 1 Dog Lane. While every effort is being made to manage traffic flow, there may be delays as the construction vehicles navigate the site. Please remember to drive slowly through the construction area and to maintain a safe distance between yourself and oversized vehicles. The Partnership continues to maintain a construction website for updates at <http://storrscenterconstruction.blogspot.com>.

Special Events

- *League of Women Voters 2012 Candidates Night* - On Wednesday, October 24, 2012, from 7:00-9:00 PM, join your neighbors and question the candidates running for:
 - 29th State Senate District - Sally White (R, I) and Don Williams (D, WF)
 - 48th State Representative District - Stan Soby (R) and Linda Orange (D, WF)
 - 54th State Representative District - Gregg Haddad (D, WF) unopposed

This informative event will be held in the E.O. Smith High School Auditorium on 1235 Storrs Road in Mansfield. Refreshments will be served from 6:15 – 7:00 PM; residents may register to vote from 6:15 – 7:00 PM. Please call 860-423-8208 or 860-423-5807 if you need a ride.

- *Mansfield Public Library Family Halloween Party* - Plan ahead for some Halloween fun at the Mansfield Library. Our Family Halloween Party is on Friday, October 26 from 6:00-7:30 PM, and all ages are welcome. You can enjoy crafts and games, play at the slime table, help our Mad Scientist make a potion, go on a treasure hunt, and visit with our special guests, the Paw Print Pirates. Put on your costume and join us! If you have any questions give us a call at 860 423-2501.
- *Storrs Center Halloween Fun* - The Mansfield Downtown Partnership and Storrs Center master developer LeylandAlliance are teaming up with the Mansfield Parks and Recreation Department to offer unique Halloween fun in Storrs Center on Saturday, October 27. Children are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and visit Storrs Center for Trick-or-Treating in the new downtown! Many of the shops will have treats for children, including Moe's Southwest Grill, Froyoworld, Subway, Insomnia Cookies, Mooyah Burgers & Fries, The Oaks on the Square leasing office, Skora's Barbershop, Body Language, and Sweet Emotions. Trick-or-Treating will be welcome from 4:00-5:00 PM (or until treats run out). All children should be accompanied by an adult.
- *Mansfield Parks and Recreation Trick-A-Trunk* – Also on Saturday, October 27, Parks & Recreation will hold its popular “Trick-A-Trunk” Halloween event, featuring games and treats for little ghosts and goblins aged 3-10. This event will be held at the Mansfield Community Center from 5:00-6:30 PM – come join the fun!

Upcoming Meetings*

- Traffic Authority, October 23, 2012, 10:30 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advisory Committee on the Needs of Persons with Disabilities, October 23, 2012, 2:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Economic Development Commission, October 25, 2012, 5:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Board of Education, October 25, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Downtown Partnership Board of Directors, November 01, 2012, 3:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Inland Wetland Agency/Planning and Zoning Commission, November 05, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Advocates for Children Regular Meeting, November 07, 2012, 4:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Mansfield Community Campus Partnership, November 08, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Board of Education, November 08, 2012, 7:00 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee, November 8, 2012, 7:30 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Committee on Committees, November 09, 2012, 8:00 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Youth Services Bureau Advisory Board, November 13, 2012, 11:45 AM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town-University Relations Committee, November 13, 2012, 4:00 PM, Council Chambers, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Housing Code Board of Appeals, November 13, 2012, 5:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Parking Steering Committee, November 13, 2012, 5:30 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Finance Committee, November 13, 2012, 6:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Four Corners Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, November 13, 2012, 7:00 PM, Conference Room C, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building
- Town Council, **Tuesday**, November 13, 2012, 7:30 PM, Council Chamber, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

- Mansfield Historic District Commission, November 13, 2012, 8:00 PM, Conference Room B, Audrey P. Beck Municipal Building

**Meeting dates/times are subject to change. Please view the [Town Calendar](#) or contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-429-3302 for a complete and up-to-date listing of committee meetings.*